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<b>Interview Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
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Date of Interview: 15 September 2006.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference  
 c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.  
 If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: none.

Identification of prior art discussed: none.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.


Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

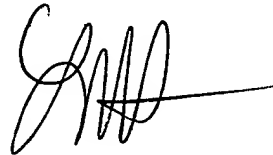
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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The Applicant received a non-compliant amendment notice due to the status identifiers on the amendment being "perceived" as incorrect. The Examiner used the OACS form to send out a notice of non-compliant amendment, which indicated the appropriate status identifiers to be used (previously presented, as opposed to previously amended). The Applicant contacted the Examiner stating that the amendment is in compliance and that the notice should not have been sent. Further, the Applicant stated that the status identifiers to be used had changed, as posted in the Official Gazette. Due to this change, and the OACS forms appearing to have the incorrect status identifier, the amendment submitted on June 14, 2006 is now being interpreted as being compliant. The Examiner will examine the amendment.

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